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SUBJECT: AFGHAN REFUGEES: WINTER REQUIREMENTS

REF: (A) GENEVA 10445

1. WE MUST NOW BEGIN TO THINK ABOUT THE WINTER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GROWING POPULATION OF AFGHAN REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN. WHILE IT APPEARS THAT BASIC FOOD SUPPLIES ARE COVERED AT LEAST THROUGH CY-1980 (SEE REF. A.), OTHER REQUIREMENTS DO CONCERN US AT THIS TIME.

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2. IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHAT ADDITIONAL USG SUPPORT

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COULD AND SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES. WE NEED TO HAVE SOME IDEA OF THE UNHCR'S AND THE GOP'S PLANS TO MEET THE VARIOUS LIFE-SUSTAINING REQUIREMENTS INCLUDING, IN PARTICULAR, THE FOLLOWING: (A) FUEL: WHAT PLANNING HAS TAKEN PLACE TO ENSURE THAT AFGHAN REFUGEES HAVE THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR FUEL FOR WARMTH AND COOKING? WE NOTE, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT REFUGEE FAMILIES QUARTERED IN TENTS WILL LIKELY REQUIRE SEVERAL TIMES MORE FUEL THAN THOSE LIVING IN MUD OR ADOBE HUTS. (P) WINTER CLOTHING: WE HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED IT WAS ECONOMICALLY INEFFICIENT FOR VOLUNTARY RELIEF EFFORTS IN THIS COUNTRY TO SPEND MONEY TO SHIP LARGE QUANTITIES OF USED CLOTHING TO PAKISTAN FOR DISTRIBUTION TO AFGHAN REFUGEES IN SPITE OF THE APPEALING PUBLIC RELATIONS

ELEMENTS IN SUCH SHIPMENTS. NEVERTHELESS, ALSO NOTE THAT USED CLOTHING HAS LONG BEEN A SIGNIFICANT ITEM IN THE TRADE FROM THE U.S. TO AFGHANISTAN. HAVE THE UNHCR AND THE GOP BEEN ABLE TO IDENTIFY SUFFICIENT SOURCES OF WINTER CLOTHING, SPECIFICALLY COATS AND SHOES, TO PROVIDE THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REFUGEES? IF NOT, DO THEY HAVE ANY IDEAS ON HOW THOSE ITEMS CAN BE PROVIDED? (C) TENTS CONSIDERING THE RECENT CONTRACTING DIFFICULTIES AND FUNDING SHORTFALLS DISCUSSED IN OTHER MESSAGES, WHAT CAN WE REALISTICALLY ANTICIPATE WILL BE THE MEANS OF SHELTERING THE REFUGEES FROM THE ELEMENTS IN THE WINTER SEASON?

3. WE CAN INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF GENERATING SUCH SHIPMENTS OF CLOTHING AND TENTS. HOWEVER, WE ARE MINDFUL THAT CLOTHING SHIPMENTS FREQUENTLY CONTAIN INAPPROPRIATE ATTIRE. FURTHER, THE PIPELINE FROM THE U.S. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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TO PAKISTAN IS SOMEWHERE BETWEEN TWO AND THREE MONTHS LONG. IF WE ARE TO ACT, WE MUST DO SO SOON IF THE REFUGEES ARE TO BE REASONABLY PROTECTED FROM THE RIGORS OF THE HARSH WINTER WEATHER BEGINNING IN NOVEMBER. CHRISTOPHER

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